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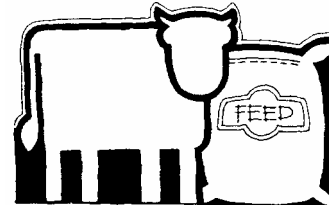


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September 1 Cattle on Feed

Iowa: There were 800,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on September 1, down 5 percent from August 1, 2004 and down 1 percent from September 1, 2003. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 375,000 head on feed, down 1 percent from last month but an increase of 25 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 425,000 head on feed, down 8 percent and 17 percent from last month and last year, respectively.

Placements during August totaled 103,000 head, up 32 percent from last month, but down 32 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 62,000 head, an increase of 19 percent from last month but down 22 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 41,000 head, up 58 percent from last month, but down 43 percent from last year.

Marketings for August were 138,000 head, up 4 percent from last month, but down 15 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 66,000 head, up 10 percent from last month but down 10 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 72,000 head, down 1 percent and 20 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Other disappearance totaled 5,000 head.

United States: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.97 million head on September 1, 2004. The inventory was 1 percent above September 1, 2003 but 2 percent below September 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.10 million, 12 percent below 2003 and 6 percent below 2002. This is the second lowest placements for the month of August since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 2.04 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 506,000, 600-699 pounds were 413,000, 700-799 pounds were 565,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 615,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.92 million, 7 percent below 2003 and 10 percent below 2002. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of August since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 56,000 during August, 7 percent below 2003 but 30 percent above 2002.

All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
	----- Thousand head -----		
Cattle on Feed, August 1, 2004	380	460	840
August Placements	62	41	103
August Marketings	66	72	138
August Other Disappearance	1	4	5
Cattle on Feed, September 1, 2004	375	425	800

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements and Marketings by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots¹

State	Cattle on feed September 1			Placements during August			Marketings During August			August disappearance other than slaughter ²		
	2003	2004	2004 2003	2003	2004	2004 2003	2003	2004	2004 2003	2003	2004	2004 2003
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Arizona	274	296	108	28	30	107	23	26	113	2	2	100
California	490	520	106	65	63	97	57	59	104	3	4	133
Colorado	900	930	103	240	205	85	195	150	77	5	5	100
Idaho	245	245	100	58	58	100	52	47	90	1	1	100
Iowa	300	375	125	79	62	78	73	66	90	1	1	100
Kansas	2,250	2,130	95	580	520	90	500	495	99	10	15	150
Nebraska	1,660	1,800	108	470	420	89	370	360	97	10	10	100
New Mexico	121	129	107	23	23	100	15	19	127	3	2	67
Oklahoma	345	325	94	84	76	90	72	64	89	2	2	100
S. Dakota	134	138	103	30	25	83	43	43	100	1	1	100
Texas	2,700	2,670	99	610	530	87	580	520	90	20	10	50
Washington	185	160	86	51	33	65	35	22	63	1	1	100
Other States	235	255	109	66	54	82	60	52	87	1	2	200
U.S.	9,839	9,973	101	2,384	2,099	88	2,075	1,923	93	60	56	93

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. ² Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Government Payments by Program, Selected States, 2003¹

State	Current Programs									Total Government Payments	Pre-1996 Commodity Programs included in Misc. ⁸
	Production Flexibility Contracts ²	Fixed Direct Payments ³	Counter-Cyclical Payments ⁴	Loan Deficiency Payments	Marketing Loan Gains	Milk Income Loss Payments ⁴	Conservation Programs ⁵	Ad Hoc and Emergency Programs ⁶	Misc. Programs ⁷		
-- Thousand Dollars --											
IL	(11,374)	609,388	50,406	14,208	1,572	18,085	132,201	51,267	60	865,813	0
IN	(9,985)	317,685	27,056	2,632	746	15,810	50,208	42,221	1	446,374	(12)
IA	(10,800)	655,605	72,628	4,867	7,217	30,691	224,468	65,997	(53)	1,050,621	(101)
KS	(17,975)	405,638	16,809	52,734	1,310	8,004	111,107	227,822	2,291	807,739	0
MI	(5,415)	122,138	6,150	897	123	37,271	32,084	61,660	65	254,973	0
MN	(30,045)	436,305	36,234	3,767	1,678	79,362	123,826	136,309	4	787,441	(14)
NE	(22,358)	422,976	54,184	7,849	2,644	7,096	82,270	170,750	389	725,799	(0)
ND	(13,407)	289,884	8,419	14,460	683	4,634	114,578	232,554	164	651,968	(1)
OH	(7,998)	238,972	15,501	1,620	123	35,422	41,124	73,953	37	398,754	(2)
SD	(22,062)	229,292	17,362	4,796	582	9,581	76,884	232,059	16	548,510	0
WI	(2,692)	148,914	9,207	1,858	752	193,341	59,762	73,114	46	484,302	0
U.S.	(281,269)	6,706,866	2,304,608	576,257	198,201	888,463	2,198,845	3,110,855	8,941	15,949,402	(444)

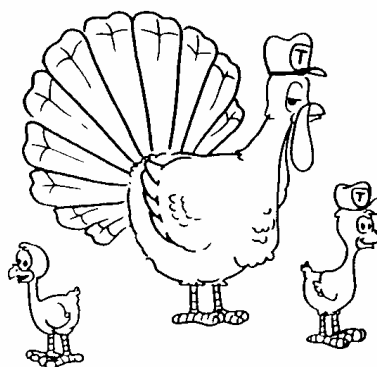
¹ Amounts include only cash payments made directly to farmers, not including Farmer-owned Reserve Payments as these data are not available by State. ² Production Flexibility Contract Payments were authorized by the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 for 1996 through 2002 crops. These are also known as AMTA payments. ³ Direct Payments are authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 for 2002 through 2007 crops. Direct Payments for the 2002 crops are reduced by the amount of fiscal year 2002 payment received under Production Flexibility Contracts. The Act also increases the number of crops authorized to receive Direct Payments. ⁴ Programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. ⁵ Conservation programs include Agricultural Conservation Program, Agricultural Management Assistance Program, Auto Agricultural Conservation Program--Environment Long Term, Auto ANA Conservation Program--Annual, Auto Conservation Reserve Program--Cost Shares, Auto Environment Quality Incentives Program, Auto LTA Conservation Program--Long Term, Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program, Conservation Reserve Program--Annual Rental, Conservation Reserve Program--Cost Share, Conservation Reserve Program--Incentives, Emergency Conservation Program, Environment Quality Incentives Program, Environment Quality Incentives Program--NRCS, Farmland Protection Program, Forestry Incentives Program--NRCS, Grasslands Reserve Program, Great Plains Program, Soil and Water Conservation Assistance Program, Wetlands Reserve Program, Wetlands Reserve Program--NRCS, Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program. ⁶ Ad Hoc and emergency programs includes all programs providing disaster and emergency assistance payments to growers. Programs include Apple and Potato Quality Loss Assistance Program, Apple Market Loss Assistance Payments, Avian Influenza Indemnity Programs, Cattle Feed Program, Crop Disaster Program, Crop Disaster Assistance Program 2001/2002, Crop Loss Disaster Assistance Program, Dairy Indemnity Program, Dairy Market Loss Assistance Program, Disaster Program, Karnal Bunt Fungus Program, Lamb Meat Adjustment Assistance Program, Livestock Compensation Program, Livestock Emergency Assistance Program, Livestock Indemnity Program, Loan Deficiency Payments for Non-contract Production Flexibility Contract Growers, Marketing Loss Assistance Program, Noninsured Assistance Program, Nursery Market Losses Assistance Program--Florida, Oilseed Payment Program - Supplemental, Pasture Flood Compensation Program, Pasture Recovery Program, Quality Losses Program, Sugar Beet Disaster Program, Tobacco Marketing Loss Assistance Program, Tobacco Payment Program, TRI Valley Growers Program, Wool and Mohair Marketing Loss Assistance Program II--Apportioned, Wool and Mohair Marketing Loss Assistance Program III--Apportioned, and Wool and Mohair Marketing Loss Assistance Program. ⁷ Miscellaneous programs include Acreage Grazing Payments, Additional Interest Payments, Agricultural Management Assistance Payments, American Indian Livestock Feed Program--Apportioned, Cotton Deficiency Program, Feed Grain Deficiency Program, Finality Rule, Hard White Winter Wheat Deficiency Program, Interest Payments, National Wool Act, Payment Limitation Refund, Rice Deficiency Program, Small Hog Operation Program, Sugar PIK Diversion Program, and Wheat Deficiency Program. ⁸ Commodity programs in effect prior to the 1996 Farm Bill include Cotton Deficiency Program, Feed Grain Deficiency Program, Rice Deficiency Program, Wheat Deficiency Program, and National Wool Act Program. The negative numbers are repayments by producers of unanticipated over payments under earlier programs.

Source: Economic Research Service/USDA, Internet Web Site (www.ers.usda.gov/data/FarmIncome/finfidmu.htm).
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Farm Labor: Employment and Wage Rates, U.S.¹ and Corn Belt II² July 11-17, 2004, with Comparisons

Farm Employment	July 6-12, 2003		April 11-17, 2004		July 11-17, 2004	
	Corn Belt II	U.S.	Corn Belt II	U.S.	Corn Belt II	U.S.
----- Thousands -----						
Hired Workers						
Expected to be Employed	23	943	28	*827	24	953
150 Days or More	17	680	22	*651	15	637
149 Days or Less	6	263	6	*176	9	316
Agricultural Services						
Workers Working on Farms	NA	320	NA	*257	NA	340
Hired Farm & Service Workers	NA	1,263	NA	*1,084	NA	1,293
Hours per Week						
Hours Worked						
Hired	36.7	39.8	33.7	*40.6	38.3	39.3
Dollars per Hour						
Wage Rates for						
All Hired Workers ^{3,4}	9.51	8.88	9.48	*9.23	8.70	9.10
Type of Worker						
Field & Livestock Combined	9.31	8.26	9.04	*8.59	8.35	8.50
Field	9.60	8.17	9.04	*8.47	8.08	8.42
Livestock	8.87	8.57	9.03	8.95	8.61	8.75

¹ Excludes Alaska. ² Consists of Iowa and Missouri. ³ Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates. ⁴ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. * Revised.



Turkeys: Number Raised, Selected States, 2003-04

State	Number		2004 as % of 2003
	2003 ¹	2004	
	----- 1,000 head -----		--- Percent ---
Arkansas	30,000	28,000	93
California	17,300	16,000	92
Indiana	12,800	13,100	102
Iowa	8,500	9,000	106
Minnesota	45,000	46,500	103
Missouri	23,500	21,500	91
North Carolina	42,500	39,000	92
Pennsylvania	9,500	12,000	126
South Carolina	12,000	12,000	100
Virginia	23,000	19,000	83
United States	274,048	262,950	96

¹ Revised.

August Milk Production

Iowa: Milk production in Iowa in August totaled 294 million pounds, down 4.5 percent from August 2003. The average number of milk cows, 190 thousand head, was 10,000 head below August 2003. Production per cow averaged 1,545 pounds, five pounds higher than production levels one year ago.

United States: Milk production in the 20 major States during August totaled 12.4 billion pounds, up 1.5 percent from August 2003. July revised production, at 12.5 billion pounds, was up 1.0 percent

from July 2003. The July revision represented an increase of 36 million pounds or 0.3 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,595 pounds for August, 24 pounds above August 2003. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.77 million head, 5,000 head less than August 2003, but 7,000 head more than July 2004.

August Milk Cows and Milk Production

State	Milk cows ¹		Milk per cow ²		Milk production ²		Change from 2003
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	
	1,000 head		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
California	1,693	1,733	1,755	1,775	2,971	3,076	3.5
Illinois	110	107	1,480	1,490	163	159	-2.5
Iowa	200	190	1,540	1,545	308	294	-4.5
Minnesota	470	465	1,420	1,440	667	670	0.4
Missouri	128	121	1,125	1,210	144	146	1.4
Wisconsin	1,254	1,240	1,495	1,495	1,875	1,854	-1.1
20-State Total ³	7,771	7,766	1,571	1,595	12,207	12,387	1.5

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves. ³ The 20 states are Arizona, California, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.



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